

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
3 NORTHERN DIVISION

4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 vs.

Criminal Action No. 3:18CR114-HTW-FKB

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7 DEVON MODACURE

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10 COURT REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL PARTEN

11 BEFORE HONORABLE HENRY T. WINGATE  
12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

13 August 6, 2018  
14 Jackson, Mississippi

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1                                   **MICHAEL PARTEN,**  
2       having first been duly sworn, testified as follows:

3                                   **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

4       BY MR. SWEET:

5       Q     State your name for us.

6       A     Special Agent Michael Parten, P-A-R-T-E-N.

7       Q     Agent Parten, are you assigned to the Modacure case?

8       A     Yes, sir.

9       Q     All right. And in your investigation of the Modacure case,  
10      you obtained statements in connection with this investigation?

11      A     I have got a statement from one of the officers.

12      Q     And what officers do you have a statement from?

13      A     Officer Short.

14      Q     Officer Short is not one of the two persons -- I showed you  
15      a video of him running?

16      A     Uh-huh.

17      Q     He is not one of the two persons?

18      A     He is.

19      Q     Which one is he? Is he one of the ones who did the  
20      shooting?

21      A     Yes, sir.

22      Q     Was he the first one or the second one?

23      A     Second one.

24                   MR. SWEET: May I see the statement, please, Your  
25      Honor?

1 (SHORT PAUSE)

2 BY MR. SWEET:

3 Q Just so I understand, the statement you have is a statement  
4 of another officer who interviewed Short and has what Short  
5 says occurred.

6 A That was from the previous court appearance we had. I was  
7 reviewing Jackson Police Department reports regarding that  
8 event.

9 Q Is that report there Officer Short's report?

10 A This is me speaking to Officer Short this past Friday.

11 Q Speaking to who?

12 A Officer Short.

13 Q Okay. So you went and the interviewed Short last Friday?

14 A Yes, sir.

15 Q And you also went to the scene?

16 A I did.

17 Q When did you go to the scene?

18 A Friday.

19 Q All right. Now, you went and looked at this carport?

20 A Correct.

21 Q You saw the two video cameras up?

22 A Three. Two in the carport and one on the corner of the  
23 house.

24 Q And you attempted to interview the individuals at that  
25 house?

1 A I spoke to the man, I believe his name is Mr. Graham. He  
2 advised he was at the house during the shooting but did not see  
3 anything.

4 Q Okay. He told you he didn't see anything. Did you  
5 interview anyone else?

6 A No, sir.

7 Q Was anyone -- the owner of the house was not there?

8 A There was a Mrs. Fleming, his girlfriend, and I am not sure  
9 she is the owner, but he said that she is the one that dealt  
10 with you regarding the video I think.

11 Q She is the one who had the hard drive and all containing  
12 the video?

13 A Yes.

14 Q You all left a number for her to contact you?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Has she contacted you?

17 A No.

18 Q Now, you understood then after I showed you a video there  
19 was a video, in fact, of the shooting?

20 A I understand that when you showed it to me the first time.

21 Q Prior to that, you had no knowledge of it?

22 A No, sir.

23 Q Any investigation you had no knowledge of the video?

24 A No, sir.

25 Q Now, and at the last hearing, you saw it for the first

1 time?

2 A Yes, sir.

3 Q Now, I believe Officer Short stated -- well, the previous  
4 police reports you reviewed said that Mr. Modacure ran from  
5 over off Memphis Street?

6 A That's what it said, but that's not accurate.

7 Q All right. Go ahead and explain to me that's what he said  
8 but that's not accurate.

9 A The officers, Sergeant Hampton, Officers Cody, Smith and  
10 Officer Short, they encountered Mr. Modacure at 3423 Fontaine  
11 Avenue, and while speaking to him, they said they were going to  
12 pat him down for weapons, and he ran towards Memphis Street.

13 Q You said before, but it wasn't -- tell me what you said  
14 before that was not correct.

15 A Some addresses are kind of blended or mistransposed. All  
16 locations reference Fontaine, Lampton and Memphis, but the  
17 street numbers or the sequence at which those addresses were  
18 relevant for that day of the shooting are not completely  
19 accurate the way it's written in the report.

20 Q All right.

21 A Reports.

22 Q Well, one report said when they approached Mr. Modacure  
23 that he drew a weapon on them.

24 A I haven't seen that in the report.

25 Q You haven't seen that?

1 A No. Which report? I have got all the reports. Which one  
2 is that it?

3 Q I just got them all. That's not correct, though?

4 A No, it's not.

5 Q It's not correct?

6 A No, sir.

7 THE COURT: What's not correct?

8 THE WITNESS: When the officers approached  
9 Mr. Modacure, he did not draw a weapon on the officers. He had  
10 one on his person in his waistband, but he did not draw it  
11 until he started running away from the officers.

12 BY MR. SWEET:

13 Q I'm going to show you the crime scene report.

14 MR. SWEET: May I approach, Your Honor?

15 THE COURT: You may.

16 BY MR. SWEET:

17 Q This is the crime scene report. Do you have that?

18 A I do.

19 Q Read the bottom. Officer Johnson advised as Officer Short  
20 and Smith approached Mr. Modacure he displayed a handgun. Did  
21 I read that correctly?

22 A Yeah, you did read it correctly, but as they were -- they  
23 gave foot pursuit of Mr. Modacure but he had the gun in his  
24 hand while he was running away from the officers.

25 Q Okay. I'm going to go back. There are some statements

1 that say that he made a foot pursuit. On here, this crime  
2 scene report of what they were told, does it say there that he  
3 pulled a weapon in a foot pursuit or as they approached him?

4 A Said he displayed a handgun.

5 Q How do you display a handgun?

6 A You make it visible.

7 Q So they said as he approached them -- and they said they  
8 approached him on Fontaine Street. Right? Didn't you just  
9 tell the court that they said they approached him to pat him  
10 down and he --

11 A No, I did not say that. Sergeant Hampton was speaking with  
12 Mr. Modacure. He would attempt to walk away and she would  
13 direct him to come back and he would. And Officer Short saw  
14 the outline of a handgun protruding against his shirt, made  
15 aware -- made Sergeant Hampton aware of that and she said she  
16 was going to try to pat him down, and that's when he started  
17 running.

18 Q Let me read you this. Officer Johnson advised while  
19 Officer Short and Officer Smith --

20 THE COURT: Slow down.

21 BY MR. SWEET:

22 Q -- were canvassing the area, they noticed a black male they  
23 identified as Devon Modacure who fit the description of the  
24 suspect who fired shots at Mr. Bishop on Memphis Street two  
25 streets south of Lampton. Officer Johnson advised as Officer

1 Short and Smith approached Mr. Modacure he displayed a handgun.

2 A Officer Johnson has a report in here, so this would be  
3 Officer Harris' account of speaking with Officer Johnson. We  
4 can refer to her report.

5 Q What you're giving the court is an account of what Short  
6 told you. Right?

7 A Right.

8 Q And this report is an account of what they told this  
9 officer. Isn't that right?

10 A This is a report of what Officer Harris perceived from the  
11 officers. I wasn't there. I don't know what was said to who.

12 Q How do you perceive a report? In other words, somebody  
13 tells you something and he wrote it in his report?

14 A I understand, and there is several, like, address mistakes,  
15 so I mean that's why I went to Officer Short. He was there the  
16 entire event and I deferred to his account.

17 Q Agent, I know you defer to his account. I'm just simply  
18 saying this account that's in the official police report says  
19 that when they initially --

20 A I agree with you that's what it says.

21 Q He pulled a weapon on them.

22 A Displayed, I believe.

23 Q He displayed it. He wasn't trying to sell it. When you  
24 display it, that means he pulled it out. Correct?

25 A He did pull it out. While running from the scene, he

1 pulled the weapon as he was running.

2 Q That's what Short told you in your interview?

3 A That's correct.

4 Q I'm talking what he told this person in this interview.

5 A He did not speak to Harrison in that part of the report.  
6 That's Officer Johnson, I believe.

7 Q Have you talked to Harris?

8 A No.

9 Q Did you talk to him about this statement in there?

10 A I did not.

11 Q So you're just speculating about what Harrison said?

12 A Said Officer Johnson advised is the very last line.

13 Q All right. Let's just go -- let me see that. They said  
14 they shot him multiple times. Right?

15 A That's what it said. To my knowledge, he was only hit  
16 once.

17 Q Where did they shoot him?

18 A I believe it's in the back.

19 Q Okay. So let me just -- I showed you one report there  
20 where they said he pulled a gun when they approached him.

21 Another time they told you that he ran toward 33 whatever the  
22 address, stopped, turned around and aimed a gun at them.

23 Didn't they?

24 A I believe that's what it said.

25 Q Then they said when he stopped, turned around and aimed a

1 gun at them, he shot him. Right?

2 A That's what it said.

3 Q One of the officers shot once and the other shot twice.  
4 Right?

5 A Correct.

6 Q Hitting him multiple times?

7 A Correct.

8 Q Have you looked at the medical records?

9 A No.

10 MR. SWEET: May I approach, Your Honor?

11 THE COURT: You may.

12 BY MR. SWEET:

13 Q Read to the court in the medical records where they say he  
14 was shot.

15 A The highlighted?

16 Q Highlighted part.

17 A 20-year-old male presents to the ER after he was shot in  
18 his back.

19 Q Shot where?

20 A In his back. Patient refuses to speak. He is awake and  
21 nodded his head to questions.

22 Q He read the report.

23 MR. SWEET: May I approach, Your Honor?

24 THE COURT: You may.

25 BY MR. SWEET:

1 Q Read to the court where it says --

2 MR. MCGLOTHIN: Your Honor, I'm going to object at  
3 this point. We are here for purposes of detention as it  
4 relates to a felon in possession charge. We are not here to  
5 try the circumstances surrounding this shooting of the  
6 defendant. We are here -- the federal government has only  
7 charged this defendant with being a felon in possession of a  
8 firearm. As to who was shot and where they were shot, I think  
9 to go into that with this witness is completely irrelevant to  
10 the charges as to why we are here today.

11 THE COURT: Why is it relevant?

12 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, I'm going to show the video  
13 again where he doesn't have a firearm. I think the statements  
14 go to the officer's credibility. Your Honor, the officers have  
15 inconsistent statements throughout their reports about how this  
16 occurred. My last question is where the gun came from. The  
17 video where he didn't have a weapon. And I think it goes to  
18 the strength of the case of the felon in possession of a  
19 firearm, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: I'm going to give you some latitude but  
21 I'm not interested in hearing an attack on the exact shooting.  
22 I just want to know what bearing it has on the charge that is  
23 here before this court.

24 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, what I was attempting to show  
25 is that the video -- if the court looks at the video, he does

1 not have a weapon in his hand, he does not have a weapon in his  
2 waist. He is in a full sprint forward when he is shot.

3 The officers say that he stopped at the beginning of  
4 that carport, turned with the weapon, aimed it at them and  
5 fired. We can show that that just didn't occur. If he didn't  
6 have a weapon then and turned and fire --

7 THE COURT: At what point are the officers saying he  
8 turned and fired?

9 MR. SWEET: At the carport.

10 THE COURT: Ask the witness.

11 BY MR. SWEET:

12 Q So he was at the Fontaine Street address. Right?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q He came across the path. Right?

15 A Sir?

16 Q He crossed the street --

17 MR. MCGLOTHIN: And, Your Honor, I'm going to object.  
18 This is Mr. Sweet's witness so he has him on direct  
19 examination. He should not be leading the witness.

20 MR. SWEET: Your Honor, he is adverse. He is the  
21 investigating agent against my client.

22 THE COURT: Go ahead.

23 BY MR. SWEET:

24 Q I will put it up so you can see. This is the carport.  
25 Correct?

1 A Correct.

2 Q And this diagram, you see the white car would be the path.  
3 Right?

4 A From which he was coming, yes.

5 Q From which he was coming. So they said he came through the  
6 path over here. Correct?

7 A Correct.

8 Q And as he got to the address over here where this carport  
9 is and these bushes, he stopped, turned and aimed the gun at  
10 them. Correct?

11 A I believe a report does say that, but --

12 Q I understand. They said he stopped, turned and aimed a gun  
13 at them right there. Correct?

14 A I believe the report says that.

15 Q And then they shot him multiple times and dropped him.  
16 Correct?

17 A According to the report, yes.

18 Q Okay. However, we know from the video that that's not  
19 correct. That's not true. Is it?

20 A No, it's not. Not according to my interview Friday.

21 Q All right. So at that point they said they stopped, he  
22 aimed and they dropped him --

23 A It's very similar to the account from Friday but not  
24 exactly, not specific, no.

25 Q So from the point here where they say that he pulled a

1 weapon, aimed it and they dropped him --

2 A No, he was carrying the weapon through the foot chase.

3 Q And this foot chase went right over here and he was dropped  
4 over here by the garage. Correct?

5 A Correct.

6 Q So in this chase here, when they shot him, he should have  
7 had a weapon?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So if the video shows it, you should see a weapon in the  
10 video?

11 A If it's a clear enough video, yes.

12 MR. SWEET: Play it.

13 BY MR. SWEET:

14 Q You saw the video more than --

15 MR. SWEET: I can't play it, Your Honor. I don't have  
16 my Hot Spot.

17 THE COURT: Well, you can ask the questions. I  
18 remember the video.

19 BY MR. SWEET:

20 Q You saw the video?

21 A Yes.

22 Q You did not see a weapon in the video. Did you?

23 A I couldn't make one out, no.

24 Q Did you all do a trace on this weapon, where it came from?

25 A Yes.

1 Q Tell the court where this weapon came from.

2 A It was traced to a law enforcement agency I believe in  
3 Illinois.

4 Q The Illinois State Police?

5 A Yes.

6 Q The weapon came from the Illinois State Police?

7 A Originally. It's original purchase from the manufacturer.

8 THE COURT: Where did the firearm come from?

9 MR. SWEET: Illinois State Police.

10 THE WITNESS: It was sold to the Illinois State Police  
11 in --

12 THE COURT: Was it recovered at the scene?

13 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: Okay. Where was it recovered?

15 THE WITNESS: After Mr. Modacure was shot, he was  
16 placed in handcuffs. When they rolled him over, it was  
17 underneath his body and it was removed towards the trashcan at  
18 the corner of the carport.

19 THE COURT: Say that again now. You --

20 THE WITNESS: When he was shot, he went to the ground.  
21 Officers handcuffed him. And as he was on his stomach,  
22 handcuffed him. And when they were flipping him over to search  
23 him for other weapons, this Glock .22 was found underneath him  
24 around his body area. And it was immediately moved, picked up  
25 or kicked away from his immediate proximity. And the gun was

1 recovered in the -- do you have a photograph of the trashcans?

2 THE COURT: Who kicked it away?

3 THE WITNESS: One of the officers did. I don't know  
4 which one.

5 THE COURT: Had the gun been fired?

6 THE WITNESS: No, sir, not to my knowledge. I don't  
7 believe he ever fired a round.

8 THE COURT: And how many rounds were in that weapon?

9 THE WITNESS: I believe the report says there were 14  
10 rounds recovered from the crime scene, I am not sure exactly  
11 how they determined what, but there were three or four live  
12 .40-caliber rounds recovered, like, from the ground or from the  
13 scene that would not have been in the magazine of the gun, but  
14 I don't know why they wouldn't have been in the magazine.

15 THE COURT: I don't understand. If they had not been  
16 fired --

17 THE WITNESS: They had not been fired. The complete  
18 unfired rounds, it was either three or four of them were picked  
19 up off the ground from that area as well with the gun.

20 THE COURT: And how many were in the magazine?

21 THE WITNESS: There were 14 rounds totally taken from  
22 the scene. I don't know how many were in the mag or if it was  
23 14 minus the three that were on the ground. I don't know. It  
24 was a total of 14 .40-caliber rounds, and that was the only  
25 .40-caliber on the scene.

1 THE COURT: You said 14 were recovered.

2 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. The officers carried  
3 9-millimeter guns.

4 THE COURT: And so you don't know whether the three  
5 that were recovered on the ground belonged to that magazine.

6 THE WITNESS: No, sir, I can't say that it was.

7 THE COURT: You say the magazine would hold a total of  
8 14?

9 THE WITNESS: Or more. I believe 15. I believe it  
10 will hold 15, but I'm not sure. I believe it's 15.

11 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Sweet, go ahead.

12 BY MR. SWEET:

13 Q I'm looking for the report here. They also said they found  
14 a package with rounds in it. Didn't they?

15 A I don't see that.

16 Q Do you know if any rounds were even in the gun?

17 A I can't speak that they were.

18 Q I want to find out exactly who told you that the gun was  
19 under him when they rolled him over, they kicked it out from  
20 under him.

21 A Officer Short.

22 Q That's what he told you?

23 A That's what he told me, that the gun was under him and that  
24 when they rolled him over, he didn't say he kicked it out from  
25 under him but someone there did, one of the other officers.

1 MR. SWEET: May I approach, Your Honor?

2 THE COURT: You may.

3 A Yes, sir.

4 BY MR. SWEET:

5 Q Read right here what Johnson said he saw.

6 A *I observed black male wearing a maroon shirt, blue shorts*  
7 *and something running shoes -- something shoes running with a*  
8 *handgun in his right and towards the driveway of 3361 Fontaine*  
9 *Avenue. I observed Officer Short and Officer Smith running*  
10 *behind the suspect later identified as Devon Edward Modacure,*  
11 *Jr. The suspect, Devon, continued to run towards the carport*  
12 *and then he started to turn around aiming the weapon in the*  
13 *direction of the officers.*

14 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Slow down.

15 A *Turned around aiming the weapon in the direction of the*  
16 *officers. I, Officer Johnson, observed and heard two shots*  
17 *fired and noticed the subject drop to the ground and the gun*  
18 *flew next to the garbage can.*

19 Q Read that again. The gun did what?

20 A Flew next to the garbage can.

21 Q I've got another officer says that the gun flew next to the  
22 garbage can. Here is another one. Read that highlighted part.

23 A That's the same officer.

24 Q I will just go with that officer. Johnson says the gun  
25 flew over by the garbage can, they found it by the garbage can.

1 Right?

2 A That's correct.

3 Q And Short says the gun was under him and when they rolled  
4 him over they kicked it?

5 A That's correct.

6 Q They are not even consistent on where the gun was located?

7 A No.

8 Q Did you know that the eyewitnesses out there said they saw  
9 an officer with the gun in the street?

10 A No, sir.

11 Q They said, *Here is the gun*. When I showed you the  
12 videotape, didn't I show you officers leaving and coming back?

13 A I don't recall.

14 Q Let's play it.

15 MR. SWEET: We can play it now, Your Honor, if we can.

16 THE COURT: What are you going to show?

17 MR. SWEET: I'm going to show him being shot and then  
18 the officers leaving and coming back.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. SWEET: Don't worry about it. Let me just  
21 summarize in this way.

22 BY MR. SWEET:

23 Q Did you see any photographs on the crime scene  
24 investigation where they photographed the location of the gun?

25 A I did.

1 Q You didn't?

2 A I did see photographs.

3 Q Of the gun?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Did you see them where they recovered it from?

6 A I believe it's next to the garbage can.

7 Q Do you have a photograph of that?

8 A I don't have it with me, no, but I believe I have seen a  
9 photograph of the gun near the garbage cans.

10 Q So it's inconsistent with where the gun was recovered from.  
11 Right?

12 A No, sir. You talking about where it was taken as evidence?

13 Q Two officers' statements are inconsistent where the gun was  
14 recovered.

15 A Thrown to or kicked to. I think they all agree it was near  
16 the garbage can.

17 Q Well, one of them said when he fell it was thrown to the  
18 garbage can.

19 A Right.

20 Q One said it fell under him and they rolled him over and it  
21 was kicked to the garbage can. That's not consistent.

22 Correct?

23 A That is not consistent, you are correct.

24 Q All right. The video shows him running. It doesn't appear  
25 he has a gun in his hand. Does it?

1 A I couldn't determine that.

2 THE COURT: I think we have gone over that already.

3 BY MR. SWEET:

4 Q It is not consistent that they say he turned, aimed a gun  
5 at them and they shot him and dropped him when the gunshot  
6 wounds are in his back.

7 A Correct.

8 Q That's not consistent with the story. Correct?

9 A What do you mean?

10 Q If he turned and aimed a gun at them, the bullets when he  
11 was shot would not be in his back?

12 A Officer Short has since said that he was turning towards  
13 them with the gun and that's when they fired.

14 Q You told Officer Short when you interviewed him that we had  
15 a video?

16 A I did.

17 Q He didn't know you had a video before?

18 A I don't have a video.

19 Q He didn't know there was a video before the second  
20 interview?

21 A I don't know what he knew. The cameras are plainly  
22 visible.

23 Q You saw the statements he gave before you told him you had  
24 a video, and he said --

25 A I have not seen his statement. I have seen other people

1 document his statement, but I can't say that he has signed off  
2 on it. He has expressed certain parts of these statements were  
3 not as he intended it to be.

4 Q Every statement you had that you saw before, every officer,  
5 and I have looked through several of them was he stopped,  
6 turned and aimed a gun at them and they fired multiple times  
7 hitting him. Right?

8 A That's what the reports say, yes.

9 Q You interviewed him, said, Hey, they have got a video, and  
10 it doesn't show him turn, aim the gun and you shot him.

11 MR. MCGLOTHIN: I'm going to object to that line of  
12 questioning, Your Honor. One, I think the witness has already  
13 stated that that's not something that he --

14 THE COURT: You are just repeating questions now.

15 MR. SWEET: No further questions, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Okay. Questions?

17 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

18 BY MR. MCGLOTHIN:

19 Q Agent Parten, you were asked several questions, and you  
20 recall seeing the video. Is that correct?

21 A Yes, sir.

22 Q When you went to the scene -- recently went to the scene,  
23 how many cameras are at that house?

24 A I saw three.

25 Q And how many -- and the video camera that was shown to you

1 and to the court at the previous hearing and to this court  
2 today, based on what you saw and the position that you saw the  
3 cameras, is that the best camera to catch what took place?

4 A If all the cameras are working, no, it's not.

5 Q Okay. Is there a camera that's pointing directly down in  
6 the direction which he was running?

7 A There appears to be, yes.

8 Q How many angles have you seen and how many angles have been  
9 shown to the court?

10 A I believe just the one.

11 Q Did you attempt to get those cameras or those -- the video  
12 footage?

13 A I spoke with the gentleman at the house who advised that  
14 his girlfriend is in charge of that or maintained all of that,  
15 provided the recordings for the defense attorney, and I left a  
16 number for her to call me, and I have not heard back.

17 Q So the efforts to obtain all three angles of the video have  
18 not proved to be successful?

19 A That's correct.

20 Q Do you recall in the last hearing as well that was your  
21 first time being shown the video? Is that correct?

22 A That is correct.

23 Q And you were asked and questioned about the video and the  
24 fact that the officers said that this person had on a burgundy  
25 shirt -- that the defendant had on a burgundy shirt and that's

1     why they stopped and questioned him? Do you recall that?

2     A     Correct.

3     Q     And you were asked what color the shirt was before the  
4     magistrate judge, and do you recall being hounded about or  
5     continuously questioned about the color of that shirt?

6     A     Yes, sir.

7     Q     And I think your response at that time was based on the  
8     camera that you saw, the shirt appeared to be purple or green.  
9     Is that correct?

10    A     Correct.

11    Q     And I think defense counsel said that's not a burgundy  
12    shirt so you would have had no reason -- they would have had no  
13    reason to stop and question him?

14    A     That is correct.

15    Q     Since that time, have you had an opportunity to go to  
16    Jackson Police Department and to obtain some additional photos?

17    A     No, I actually had a disc with -- I already had the  
18    photographs on it.

19    Q     You had a disc with the photos on it already?

20    A     Yes, sir.

21                 MR. MCGLOTHIN: Adam, if I could?

22                 (SHORT PAUSE)

23    BY MR. MCGLOTHIN:

24    Q     Officer Parten, is -- Agent Parten, is this the photo of  
25    the defendant on the day in which this incident took place?

1 A It is.

2 Q And what color is that shirt that he has on?

3 A It appears to be a reddish maroon color.

4 Q And did that shirt line up -- did it match the description  
5 of the shirt given by the victim who had been shot?

6 A Yes, sir.

7 Q And so although on the video camera the shirt may have  
8 looked purple or green or whatever color --

9 A It appeared to be bright green on the camera from the last  
10 hearing.

11 Q And, again, those cameras are black and white cameras.  
12 Correct? What we have seen was black and white.

13 A They appeared to be. The officers' uniforms were kind of a  
14 green color as well, and I know they had black on.

15 Q Okay. And so this picture here is an accurate depiction of  
16 what the defendant looked like on that date and at that time?

17 A It is.

18 Q Was a firearm recovered on October 27, 2017?

19 A It was.

20 Q And did the officers identify this defendant, Devon  
21 Modacure, as the individual who possessed that firearm at that  
22 time?

23 A They did.

24 Q What type of weapon do the Jackson Police Department  
25 officers who were carrying that day, what type of weapons do

1 they have?

2 A Glock 9-millimeter pistols.

3 Q And what type of weapon was recovered from this defendant?

4 A A Glock 40-caliber pistol.

5 MR. MCGLOTHIN: Your Honor, no further question from  
6 the government.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 RECROSS EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. SWEET:

10 Q Okay. You keep saying he fit the description of the  
11 suspect. Where is the description of the suspect? There was a  
12 shooting at 11:00. Right?

13 A I don't know exactly what time it was.

14 Q Okay. This was four hours after that shooting. Four hours  
15 after the shooting. Right?

16 A I don't know.

17 Q You say he fit a description. Where in that -- tell me a  
18 description of the first person who did the shooting, this guy  
19 named Gator. We know it's not Devon Modacure. Where is a  
20 description anywhere in the reports of the person who did the  
21 shooting?

22 A In Sergeant Hampton's report, she writes that Officers  
23 Short, Smith, Johnson and Hampton traveled to the location,  
24 made contact with a person of interest that was wearing a  
25 maroon T-shirt as described by Christopher Dishman who had been

1 shot at the other location.

2 Q That's the description of a maroon T-shirt four hours  
3 later?

4 A Sir?

5 Q Maroon T-shirt?

6 A That's what's in this report, yes.

7 Q And didn't someone say he had shorts on?

8 A I believe not a description of the subject but I think  
9 Officer Johnson may have said that.

10 Q That somebody had shorts on?

11 A Officer Johnson said that she observed a black male wearing  
12 a maroon shirt, blue shorts and --

13 Q Blue shorts?

14 A Maroon shoes running with a handgun in his right hand  
15 towards the driveway of 3361 Fontaine.

16 Q We know he didn't have blue shorts on. We saw the picture  
17 of him. He didn't have blue shorts on, Devon Modacure.

18 A I believe not, yeah.

19 Q Okay. So whether that's a -- I mean --

20 A That wasn't a description of the suspect. That was what  
21 she seen that the officers were pursuing. I don't think there  
22 is any question as the person she is seeing being a different  
23 person than the person that the officers engaged on Memphis  
24 Street.

25 Q Okay. She said she saw somebody in a maroon shirt with

1 blue shorts on running.

2 A Yes.

3 Q That was not Devon Modacure?

4 A The person that she saw was Devon Modacure.

5 Q With the blue shorts on?

6 A No, the individual running. Whether he had shorts on or  
7 not, it was Mr. Modacure.

8 MR. SWEET: I have nothing further.

9 THE COURT: You can step down. Any other witnesses?

10 MR. SWEET: No, Your Honor.

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